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Langel named Wellness director

SNEHA PRADHAN STAFF WRITER

The college search committee with the community-based Wellness Center Advisory Board has selected Jim Langel as the executive director for the Wartburg-Waverly Sports and Wellness Center.

Langel will be joining Wartburg Feb. 1 after seven years as the associate director of the Wellness and Recreation Center at the University of Northern Iowa.

"I've worked in collegiate recreation all my career. I will take what I've learned from college campuses and integrate it into the Wartburg experience," Langel said.

"With partnership with the city, we will be providing great programs for citizens and their families. With the great facility we will be able to enhance the programs Wartburg already has and provide many new opportunities."

Langel's responsibilities include two phases: the start up phase, while the building is being completed, and the

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Jim Langel



Courtesy photo

Waverly-Shell Rock student Trevor Beem works at Habitat for Humanity as part of Wartburg's Diakonia Youth Leadership program. The project was part of a service day held for MLK Day celebrations.

MLK Day extols unity

MEKEA WILLIAMSON STAFF WRITER

More than 30 students and faculty members gathered Tuesday night to focus on unity and diversity while remembering the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Unity Celebration, which served as a birthday party in honor of King, ended Wartburg's five-day observance honoring the civil rights leader. A message of service was the general point of the night, but Krystal Madlock, director of student diversity programs, decided to add to this year's theme. Madlock said the significance of the event was about crossing barriers and uniting the college community.

"These are people who may never have been in the room together, and now they get the opportunity to come together and get to know each other," Madlock said. "Sometimes we make diversity so complicated, and it's not."

The Heritage and St. Elizabeth ballrooms were

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'Inspector General' to present at regional competition

Troupe to compete at theater festival

CHELSEA DELONG STAFF WRITER

The Wartburg Players will present "The (Iraqi) Inspector General" at a performance competition of the Kennedy

Center-American College Theater Festival Friday in Ames, Iowa.

The play, directed by William Earl, professor of communication arts, will be one of eight plays presented at the regional conference, and the only one from an Iowa school.

This is the second time Wartburg Players have been invited to compete at the festival, although it is the first time an entire play will be performed. A 20-minute scene from last year's production of Dr. Faustus was performed at the 2006 conference.

"It's a big deal. It's a big honor," Earl said of the nomination. "It shows we're moving in the right direction."

Approximately 250 college plays nationwide are at a "participating" level, which means

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Co-op with Franklin Pierce seeks to engage students in political process

WHITNEY FREE STAFF WRITER

The "Engaging Students: First in the Nation" project began today in the Lyceum with a political panel moderated by KWWL-TV news anchor Ron Steele.

The project involves a collaboration with Franklin Pierce college in Rindge, N.H., to educate students about upcoming presidential caucuses

and primaries.

Because Iowa and New Hampshire are the first states to hold a caucus and a primary, respectively, Wartburg and Franklin Pierce faculty feel it is beneficial to emphasize the importance of elections and issues to their students.

Panel members include Scott Brennan, chair of the Iowa Democratic Party; Dave Nagel, a former U.S. Congressman; Leon Mosley,

Republican Party of Iowa co-chair; and Steve Roberts, Republican Central Committee of Iowa national committee member.

To include Franklin Pierce students, the event was streamed simultaneously to the college.

Penni Pier and Fred Waldstein, co-chairs of the project, are hoping to find a work-study student to assist with updating information.

"The work-study position is for a Web researcher," Pier said. "We need someone to scour what is out there politically so we can keep our 'First in the Nation' Web site ultra current."

Visit the shared Web site www.firstinthenationproject.org or contact Waldstein at Ext. 8529 for more information.

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Roland Ferrie/Trumpet

Construction continues on the north side of the Wartburg-Waverly Sports and Wellness Center.

Leader brings experience

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staff hiring phase once the center is opened.

Creating job descriptions, hiring full-time and part-time positions, developing a mission statement and marketing plans for current and prospective students are all parts of Langel's job.

"I've helped students at UNI to get into grad schools and internships. I see Wartburg students going that same route if that's the profession they're choosing," Langel said.

Langel will also be working with the community to set up a common fee structure for the center. He will be talking with other leaders in Waverly to help them understand how membership will be beneficial to their companies.

"Jim was selected from a strong pool of more than 70

applicants," vice president for administration Gary Grace said. "His wide range of experience in the operational management of a wellness center, aquatics background and college-based recreation are an excellent fit for someone to serve the campus community and citizens of Waverly."

Langel was the assistant director of the department of campus recreation at Morningside College in Sioux City before working at UNI.

Langel graduated from the University of Iowa with a bachelor of science degree in leisure services with an emphasis in community recreation in 1989. He earned a master of arts degree in recreational sports management from the University of South Dakota.

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Wellness Center construction on schedule despite cold and snow

ABBY SHOWALTER SPORTS EDITOR

Snow and cold temperatures haven't stopped the progress on the Wartburg-Waverly Sports and Wellness Center. In fact, there are still about 80 people affiliated with the construction working on the new sports facility every workday despite the winter conditions.

For now, the facility's construction is still on schedule, with the early stages set to open in the fall of 2007.

"What's really important is that a year from now, we're utilizing the building

like we anticipated and that it is ready for students when we come back in the fall," vice president of administration Gary Grace said.

The roofing and masonry work are the majority of the construction currently taking place on the outside of the building. Workers are starting with the east side and moving west and have started installing the plumbing and heating system for the east side.

"They'll continue to work through the winter and get the roof on the field

house enclosed," physical plant director John Wuertz said.

In September, the athletic locker rooms, training room, student health center, performance gym, and other areas on the east side of the building will be opened up to student athletes.

Over the following six weeks, the rest of the building is scheduled to open, allowing Wartburg students and faculty to take full advantage of the facility.

Grace knows there will be a transition period, but hopes that the facility

will be up and running by this time next year.

"There will be a shakedown period. Before the public would come we would try to train staff and those types of things," Grace said. "By a year from now it would be open to the public."

Estimated at \$30 million, the sports complex will be one of the largest NCAA Div. III facilities of its kind in the nation once completed.

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Dialogues commemorate MLK's legacy

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filled with nine wooden tables. Each table held students and faculty members from different cultural and racial backgrounds.

Anabel Duarte said she feels King's day is more than a holiday. Duarte said to truly honor him, people need to continue helping each other all the time.

"We do service on that specific day, but the day after that there will continue to be people who are homeless, hungry, yearning for people to listen to them, and there will continue

to be people that need to be informed," Duarte said.

The night began with a slideshow of King's pictures and quotes followed by ballet, contemporary dancing, singing, instrumental performances, poetry accompanied by drums and even an invitation to join in political discussion by OrangeBand.

Several performances involved audience participation. David Jeannot, secretary of Black Student Union, invited guests to join him in dance. The audience danced to various R&B and contemporary

music. Terrance Swims, director of the Wartburg gospel choir, also had audience members on their feet and joining in song. At the end of the night, the audience demanded a speech from Madlock.

Other activities associated with MLK Day included a showing of the movie "Higher Learning" Friday, a diversity dialogue Monday and a lecture about diversity from UNI activist and professor, Harry Brod Tuesday afternoon.

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Richard Hight completes a painting as part of the MLK Day chapel.

Poverty simulation opens eyes using role play situations and education

ERIN GRANDGENETT STAFF WRITER

Sixty Wartburg students opened their eyes to the reality of poverty Monday, Jan. 15, by participating in the "In Their Shoes" poverty simulation workshop. The social work department, the education department and the Center for Community Engagement hosted the simulation.

Participants were divided

into several groups that represented families facing real poverty issues. Each participant was given an identity to role-play within their family situation. The challenge was for each family to provide the basic necessities over the course of a month, which was divided into four 15-minute "weeks." Participants had access to various community resources as they worked to survive. Rachel

Hartz, playing a community resource staffer, said, "I think that people who participate in this event can learn a lot about poverty. For example, how stressful it is to get bills paid on time, take care of children and feed the family."

Tammy Faux, assistant professor of social work, said, "Students became frustrated with how unfair the system really is." Chris Woods, a stu-

dent participant, said, "I was extremely affected by the reality of this problem not only in our own community but in the entire world."

This is the third poverty simulation hosted at Wartburg. Renee Sedlacek, community service associate, said, "It does not matter the student, the time or the place, the experiences are the same. It truly is an eye-opening experience to

realize that people really live like this."

"This is something everyone should do once," Tom Dirth, another student participant said. Students will have more opportunities to spend time in the shoes of those living in poverty when the simulation is repeated in February and May.

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Editorial

Bush needs to rethink plan

Earlier this month, President George W. Bush decided to send 20,000 additional American troops to Iraq to settle the violence even though he knew the move would be unpopular with the American people.

His "surge" plan is opposed by 68 percent of Americans, according to the latest Newsweek poll. Almost half of those polled, 46 percent, would like to see American troops pulled out as soon as possible.

Bush faces a battle in trying to "sell" his new plan to the American people. It's no surprise that his approval rating has hit its lowest point in the history of the Newsweek poll at 31 percent.

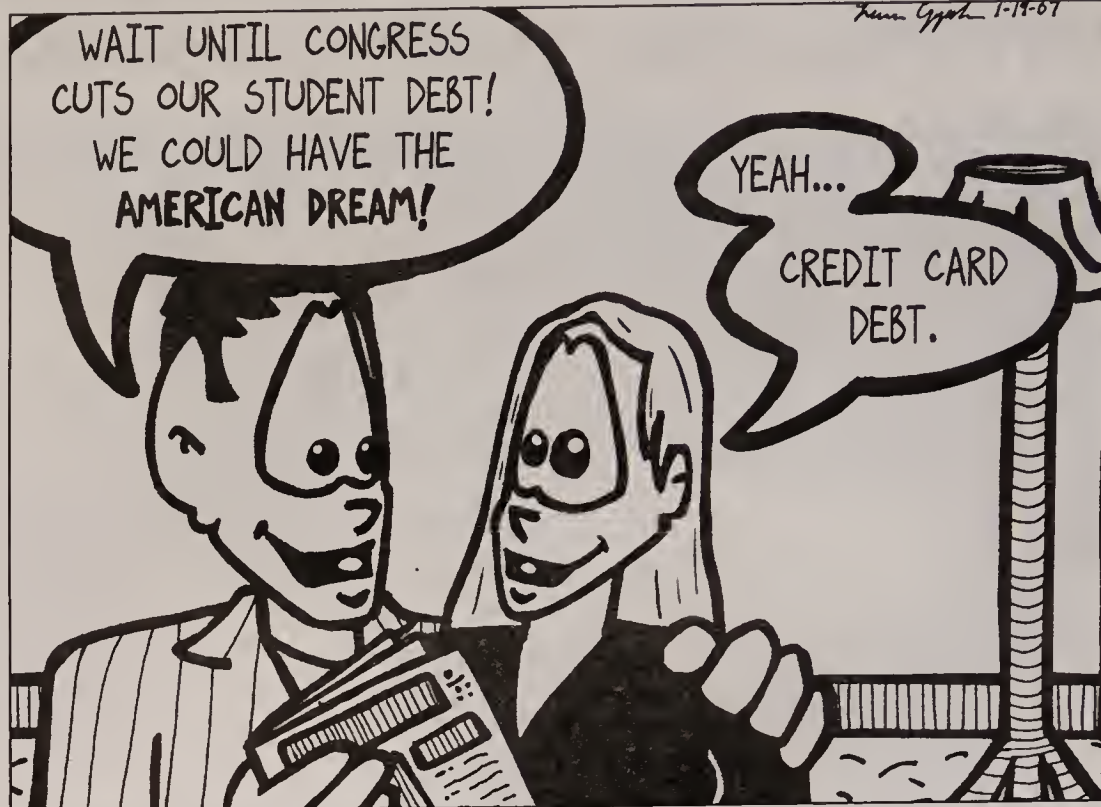
Respondents doubt the "surge" plan will reduce violence in Baghdad or help the Iraqis solve their own problems. With so much doubt in the American psyche, will Bush ever be able to recover from such poor numbers and dissatisfaction?

Despite Bush's tarnished image, the new Democratic congress continues to make a good first impression. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi received a favorable rating during her first few weeks on the job, according to the poll.

The country remains entirely too divided on this issue, but there is absolutely no end in sight. In fact, the country will continue to remain divided, even with George W. Bush's presidency coming to an end.

With such opposition, Bush's "surge" plan will not be the answer to the Iraqi conflict Americans are looking for. Pulling troops out of Iraq will not ultimately solve the Iraqi conflict either. In essence, there really is no "correct" solution to the problem.

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Boycott world's annoyances now

AARON HAGEN ASSOCIATE EDITOR

When talking with a few of my friends the other day, I realized that I am a very weird person. Perhaps "weird" is not the right word, but more unique. It wasn't until recently I realized how "unique" I truly am. This can be seen in the things in which I do not like. Here are a few things that I wish did not exist, for the better of the world.



The first is toast. I don't know how it came about, but I do not like toast. Bread is doing perfectly fine on its own. It doesn't need any sort of help. Warm bread does not make it taste better, but rather worse. The bottom line: Bread should not be crunchy.

The common argument here is that toast is so versatile. A person can put just about anything on it. Jelly is a good option, as is peanut butter or just plain butter. Of course, bread

is just as versatile. And this way, think of all the energy I'm saving by not running a toaster for the rest of my life.

The second is change. Everything should be priced in dollars. If you order a value meal at your favorite eatery, it should be exactly on the dollar. McDonald's is ahead of the game here with the dollar menu, but then tax will get you every time. Very rarely will you find me with any sort of loose change. If I'm at a place where I do pay in cash or I do have change, most of the time I will donate what I have to the jar sitting next to the register.

The argument against this is that not everything should cost at least a dollar. This is true. But stores would have to make adjustments so people would be getting a dollar's worth. Tootsie Rolls would have to be packaged in 100s, and gum would have to come in packs of 50. Because honestly, who wants just one Tootsie Roll anyway?

It would be a lot easier to balance a checkbook, and the

dollar would be more valuable. But as it stands, I'm sure I've donated many dollars' worth of change to worthy causes.

The last thing that I absolutely cannot stand is cookie dough. Cookie dough is not for eating; cookies are for eating. Cookie dough has seemed to take over the universe these days. It's in ice cream, in stores, and someday there will probably be cookie-dough-flavored suckers.

To some, cookie dough probably tastes good. But then why not just eat a raw egg and pour some sugar down your mouth while eating a Hershey's Kiss? A person would get the same effect, and it would taste better.

Perhaps someday society will be rid of these annoyances, and we'll all be better off. Until then, I will continue my personal boycott of these pitiful items and hope that I'll be ahead of the curve when that day finally comes.

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Hillary Clinton presumed frontrunner for democratic nomination

ALAN SIMMER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

And Hillary makes 67. Or at least that's how many people it seems are vying for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, the former First Lady, has created quite the stir with her announcement that she is forming a presidential exploratory committee. This comes on the heels of Barack Obama's decision to form his own com-



mittee a week ago.

Clinton has been the presumed frontrunner for months, but Obama's recent smart politicking has made many reconsider exactly who will be running away with the votes in next year's caucuses and primaries.

Then there's John Edwards, a failed candidate for the nomination and subsequently the vice presidency in 2004, who has not gone quietly into that good night.

But let's not forget Tom Vilsack, Iowa's two-term governor, who recaptured the capi-

tol after it was in Republican hands for decades.

Vilsack's candidacy may be unfortunate for Iowa. It's great to be able to claim a president from one's home state, especially good ones. And while I'll defend Herbert Hoover to the death, most people blame the entire Great Depression on him. President Vilsack would bring back a little glory to the Heartland.

However, Iowa manages to grab headlines for our first-in-the-nation caucus. When Sen. Tom Harkin ran in 1992 against Bill Clinton, he won

big here, but failed to capture the nomination because of his performance in races outside his home state, and it robbed Iowa's contest of any meaningful outcome.

If Vilsack performs well here, many pundits will undoubtedly chalk it up to home court advantage, rather than giving it any actual political merit. This will make it much harder for him in New Hampshire's primaries: He would have to prove that his victory was the result of his own hard work and his stance on the issues.

However, if someone like

Clinton or Obama cleans Vilsack's clock here, the win will give him or her a huge advantage. Not only would that candidate be winning right out of the gate, they would have done it in spite of the assumed bias of Iowans.

Come what may, the media frenzy around the state will only build up during the next year. I can hardly wait for the first fistfuls of filth to be flung. Television without endless political commercials, we hardly knew ye.

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National
Briefs

Ohle receives executive award

Wartburg College President Jack R. Ohle has been awarded the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District VI Chief Executive Award. Ohle will be honored at the annual CASE District VI Conference Monday, Jan. 22 in Kansas City.

Bible study planned Wednesday

"The Search of God" will be held 8 p.m. each Wed. in the chapel commons. Led by Pastor Larry Trachte and Pastor Ramona Bouzard.

Lutheran camp seeks workers

Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp of Story City, Iowa will interview for summer positions. A recruiter will be in the Student Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Pastor Trachte to speak Jan. 28

Meistersinger worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday, in the Wartburg Chapel. "Now the Feast and Celebration" liturgy with Pastor Larry Trachte preaching. The Meistersinger Honor Choir will provide special music.

IBA receives increased funding for workshops

20 students expected for advanced workshop

MARI VOELKER STAFF WRITER

The Wartburg/Iowa Broadcasters Association summer broadcasting workshop has received increased funding to run two new sessions for high school students and teachers interested in radio and TV broadcasting.

Jeff Stein, assistant professor of communication arts and director of the workshop, said the total grant given for the workshops was \$15,500. The Iowa Broadcasters Association and the Quarton-McElroy Trust provide funds for the workshop.

The workshop regularly offers two one-week broadcasting sessions at Wartburg for high school students. A one-week advanced session will be offered this year for students who have previously attended the basic sessions and want more experience.

"Those who went last year, and are still in high school, are eligible to be in the advanced workshop this year," Stein said.

The advanced workshop was limited to six people last year. This year Stein anticipates about 20 students will participate.

The workshop will also offer a two-day session for high school teachers.

"Last year we did a pilot project, a small workshop for teachers and a small advanced

workshop," Stein said. "They were successful, and so now they are a part of the permanent program."

Students who apply and are accepted live on-campus and receive hands-on training, according to the workshop's Web site.

Students meet with professionals and educators and take tours of broadcasting facilities. Student pay \$200 to attend the workshop.

"It's a great program for people who may want to be on-air or behind-the-scenes," Stein said, "and many of the people who have attended the workshop have gone on to very nice careers in professional broadcasting."

"They learn more about what it takes to put something on the air," Stein added.

The workshop is not intended to be a recruitment effort for Wartburg, Stein said, but some students who attend the workshop and see the facilities decide that Wartburg is "a good fit for them."

Casey Luensmann, a student who attended the workshop and later worked as a counselor, said the workshop was a great experience.

"I liked almost everything about the camp," he said. "It was really a great experience, an experience that I would recommend to almost anyone who is thinking of a career in the media field."

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Roland Ferrie/Trumpet

Chilly saint!

As much as eight inches of snow blanketed northern Iowa Sunday. The front moved through with an icy mix and coated much of Wartburg with icicles and the appearance of white frosting.

Professional search firm looking for replacement for Lex Smith

KRYSTAL FOWLER MANAGING EDITOR

A professional search firm The Spelman and Johnson Group has been hired to find a replacement for Lex Smith, dean of students, who will be retiring at the end of the year.

According to their Web site, SJG specializes in helping institutions of higher education fill administrative positions.

Although he did meet with Peter Rosenberg, the search associate from Spelman & Johnson, Smith said he is not really involved in the process of finding his replacement. Smith said the meeting was just an interview to talk about the interesting aspects of his job and how the position is structured.

"We talked about how the depart-

ment was organized, the scope of responsibilities and what were some of the primary tasks that get my attention," Smith said.

Rosenberg spent two days in December on campus talking with students, faculty and staff to try to identify a profile and position description for potential candidates.

President Jack R. Ohle hired the search firm to get the broadest candidate pool possible for the position. He says Wartburg has conducted national searches in the past to fill several positions.

"Most searches for senior level posi-

tions at colleges are done with a national search," Ohle said.

Smith said he recommended the firm to Ohle in the fall and thinks the use of an outside firm is a good idea.

The search firm will place ads in publications and initially receive all applications. According to their Web site, they will begin reviewing applications Feb. 23.

"My guess is that we'll have well over 100 applicants for the position," Ohle said. After the initial applicants are identified, the search firm will help the screening committee narrow the pool.

David McCullough, assistant pro-

fessor of biology, is chair of the search committee, which also has student representation.

After the pool of applicants is narrowed to the final three or four candidates, the remaining applicants will likely come to campus for the final interview process. Interviewing will happen sometime during winter term.

"I am hopeful that we will be able to attract people with tremendous skills and experience. I hope we will have a diverse pool of candidates that will be representative for us to look at, because I think that's important," Ohle said.

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Play modified for modern political landscape

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they are eligible for one of eight regional conferences. Sixty-four groups compete for four spots at the national level.

Freshman Abbey Claxton plays Pat, the school inspector, and is hopeful about Wartburg's chances.

"We have a really young program, and it's amazing to be a part of this, especially since we really did create the show all by ourselves," Claxton said. "This show has taken a lot of heart."

Originally modeled after "The Inspector General," an 1836 play by Nikolai Gogol, "The (Iraqi) Inspector General" was rewritten by the group. The classic story has been modified to reflect current politics.

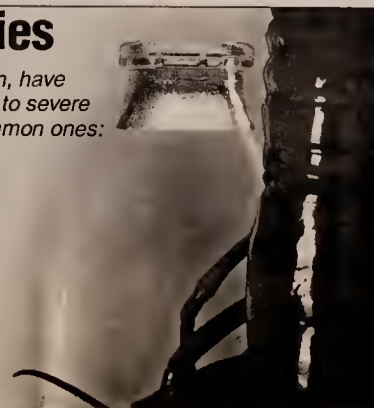
As a prelude to the Ames competition, "The (Iraqi) Inspector General" will again be performed on campus at 7:30 p.m. tonight and tomorrow in the McCaskey Lyceum. Admission is free.

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Top food allergies

Many people, especially children, have food allergies ranging from mild to severe to life-threatening; the most common ones:

- Meat
- Peanuts
- Tree nuts (almonds, etc.)
- Eggs
- Milk
- Soy products (tofu, soy sauce, etc.)



Forensics team celebrates 50th anniversary

Tournament honors founder of Wartburg speech team

KRYSTAL FOWLER MANAGING EDITOR

Wartburg and forensics are celebrating their long history together this year in recognizing the program's 50th anniversary.

In 1956, the newly hired Robert Smith organized the first incarnation of what is today the Wartburg Forensics team. During that time, collegiate debate teams were very popular, and Smith traveled to competitions with his small, dedicated team.

"We started out with a handful, and I don't think that we were ever above about a dozen students," Smith said.

"At that time, in the 1950s, University of Iowa had a team, University of Minnesota had a team, Grinnell had a team," Penni Pier, Wartburg director of forensics, said. "It was big in the 50s. Debate was really big."

Smith headed the team throughout the mid-60s, but eventually decided not to coach anymore because of the amount of travel involved. In 1968, Margaret Coddington began coaching the Knights speech team, but throughout the 70s and most of the 80s participation steadily declined.

During the late 80s a loosely organized Wartburg team re-emerged and began competing again, largely due to student efforts and organization. In 1992 the team became an officially recognized group on campus. The team continued to compete on the collegiate circuit throughout the 90s under coach Peggy Hanfelt.



Courtesy photo

Robert Smith, founder of the Wartburg Forensics team sits beside Ken Goetz, third-year student and president of the Wartburg Forensics team. Forensics began in 1956 at Wartburg and has gone through varying stages of competition and participation levels.

In 2000, current coach Penni Pier took over and the team began to become regionally and nationally competitive.

"It's a lot of work. You have to be very dedicated," Ken Goetz, president of forensics, said. "You have to be ready to work. It's kind of like taking another class, but with a heavier course load."

Although there are only four schools left in Iowa that still have forensics teams, there are many more categories of competition today compared with the 1950s. During that time most competitions had four

categories: debate, discussion, extemporaneous speaking and original oratory.

In today's competitions, several categories have been added, including poetry, prose, dramatic duo, drama, persuasive speaking, after-dinner speaking and others.

Smith said he is very proud of the work that the forensics teams is still doing. He was a major force in establishing the Perna Lohn memorial scholarship for forensics. The scholarship was awarded for the first time last year to Goetz, and will be awarded every year to a stu-

dent involved in forensics at Wartburg.

"Perna Lohn, whom the scholarship is named for, was a librarian. She would order whatever we wanted," Smith said.

During the 50s debate teams had to do all their research by hand, cutting and pasting. Smith wanted to thank Lohn for all her contributions to the team. Lohn was also very close to Smith's wife Lola and a personal friend.

The Wartburg forensics team has honored Smith by naming the college's host tournament after him to recognize the beginnings of Wartburg forensics and Smith's continuing contributions to the program. The annual Bob Smith forensics

tournament was held at Wartburg this past weekend.

"Whatever start they got, they've been able to build on that to the marvelous extent they have," Smith said.

When asked if he was surprised about the longevity of Wartburg's forensics program, Smith said he never got around to long-term planning for the team when he was coaching.

"I didn't think that far ahead. I was thinking about the next week, maybe. That was about as far as I got," Smith said, laughing.

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'Debate was really big.'

Group seeks to broaden participation in campus discussions

OrangeBand asks for conservative involvement

JOSH DOCKUM
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OrangeBand has planned discussions every Tuesday at noon in the Mensa to discuss how students feel about certain topics.

This year, Wartburg's OrangeBand chapter wants to have one movie night with a discussion afterwards.

OrangeBand is an organization that intends to promote meaningful, peaceful conver-

sations regarding controversial topics.

"Considering that we are still a very new organization — in fact, we are still working on being recognized as an organization on campus — things are going well," student leader Jackie Manternach said. "People actually recognize the name OrangeBand, and lots of people have orange bands on their bags."

Manternach said her goal for this term is to get people to sit down at the table and understand that people can agree to disagree.

"This is going to take some more time because I think

people are still a bit timid about the idea of sitting down and having a discussion about [topics] where there will be controversy," she added.

The current problem, according to Manternach, is getting conservatives to join in on the conversations. Manternach said that OrangeBand represents a safe haven for ideas.

"I think that when we get some more people that are conservative at our table, people will recognize that we aren't a liberal organization," Manternach said. "The problem is that although OrangeBand itself is neutral, the people running it will never be. In our case, the

executive members do happen to be more on the left side, but the right side and everything in

between is always welcomed."

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MR. WARTBURG

Twelve Wartburg men will compete for the title of Mr. Wartburg at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, in Neumann Auditorium. Admission is \$1. The participants will compete in several pageant events such as formal wear, Wartburg wear and casual wear. After the preliminary events, the top five finalists will show off their talents to determine who will become 2007's Mr. Wartburg.

Nominations for male students for the Mr. Wartburg competition were accepted before Christmas break. The three men from each class who



Ben Kober

Hometown: West Branch, Iowa
Major: History
Favorite Wartburg Memory: The Wartburg-Augsburg wrestling meet in 2004 when the gym was packed and we won big time.
Why he should win: I'm an OK guy who just wants to have fun, and I am more than just a pretty face.



Casey Luensmann

Hometown: Manchester, Iowa
Major: Communication Arts
Favorite Wartburg Memory: Rance Cartmill's 3-point shot against Coe in 2006.
Why he should win: Luensmann is German for Wartburg, and I am a fierce competitor and quite a philosopher.



Aaron Hagen

Hometown: Nashua, Iowa
Major: Communication Arts
Favorite Wartburg Memory: The many memorable things that happened in the J-Lab.
Why he should win: I should win because I'm the sleeper. No one expected me to be here, and people are overlooking me. I have a good shot because I'm clever, witty and have a gorgeous smile.

Josh Sinram

Hometown: Waterloo, Iowa
Major: Elementary Education
Favorite Wartburg Memory: Tailgating before football games.
Why he should win: I believe I should win the competition because I have the qualities that everyone looks for in a Mr. Wartburg.



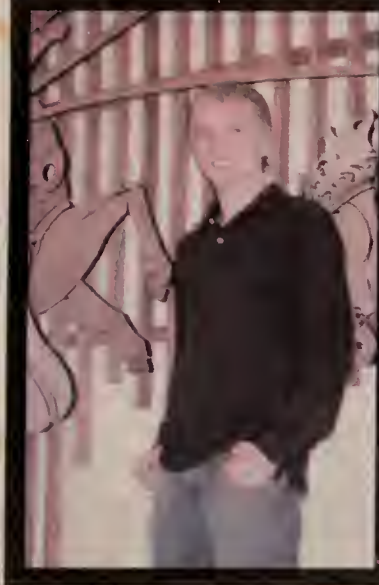
Jon Palmquist

Hometown: Englewood, Colo.
Major: Business Administration
Favorite Wartburg Memory: Sober nights at Joe's Knight Hawk.
Why he should win: I should win Mr. Wartburg because my grandma will bake me an apple pie if I do.



Alex Miller

Hometown: Ankeny, Iowa
Major: Chemistry and Engineering Science
Favorite Wartburg Memory: Playing Capture the Flag with the cross country team.
Why he should win: I have what it takes to be the best Mr. Wartburg ever, and I have the competitive edge.



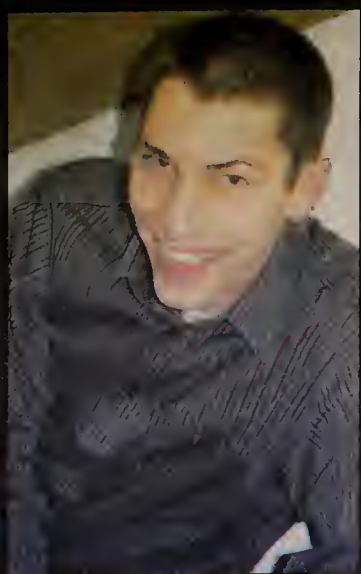
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received the most votes were selected.

A panel of judges composed of Wartburg faculty and staff will decide the competition. This year's judges are John Meyers, Justin Peters, Penni Pier, Tara Price, Pam Ohrt and Monica Severson.

The Mr. Wartburg competition, sponsored by Wartburg's Tower Agency, is in its seventh year at Wartburg. The proceeds from this year's event will go toward Habitat for Humanity to aid in their construction work at their recent Heartland Hills project.



Randon Ruggles
Hometown: Eagan, Minn.
Major: Secondary English Education
Favorite Wartburg Memory: Going sledding at the golf course late at night.
Why he should win: I should be Mr. Wartburg because I am like every other student here on campus: very involved, down to earth, hard working. I just love being orange!



John Kuckelman
Hometown: Keokuk, Iowa
Major: Biology
Favorite Wartburg Memory: Being under the rainbows of thriving dreams.
Why he should win: I can't imagine my life otherwise.

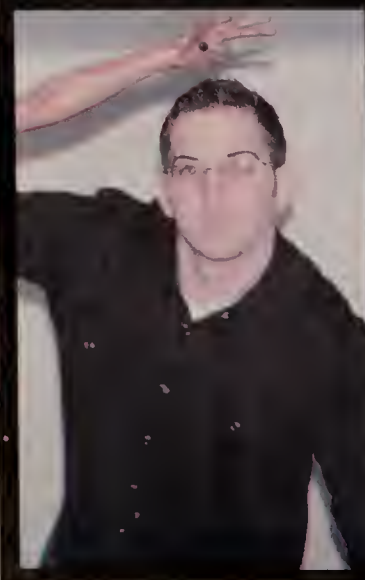


Seth Drury
Hometown: Firth, Neb.
Major: Communication Arts
Favorite Wartburg Memory: Studying anatomy on the third floor of Vogel Library while looking out the window to the campus mall.
Why he should win: Because my name's Seth Drury. That's all there is to it.

Luke Appleton
Hometown: Prescott, Wis.
Major: Undecided
Favorite Wartburg Memory: The three-hour blood bath of a football game on the football field with the cross country team.
Why he should win: I come from a long line of former Mr. Wartburg winners. I must win to bring honor to the Appleton name.



Mike Tomasulo
Hometown: Bronx, N.Y.
Major: Biology
Favorite Wartburg Memory: That one time I went to class — biology, to be exact.
Why he should win: I'm the Italian Stallion, I've seen Bill Clinton with Monica Lewinsky and I've got it all. I'm Mr. Congeniality.



Ao "Sky" Guo
Hometown: China
Major: Education
Favorite Wartburg Memory: I go to Pathways Center every day to practice my English and also "steal" a lot of candies.
Why he should win: I will make all the international students go to Wartburg, not Luther!



WARTBURG 2007?

Wartburg Society serves as a marketplace of ideas

Faculty and students testify to the value of the Philosophical and Literary Society

ALAN SIMMER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The back room of Joe's Knight Hawk may be thought of by some as a secret think tank for faculty to generate brilliant ideas for world, or at least scholarly, domination. However, a closer look reveals that faculty and students of the Wartburg Philosophical and Literary Society meet there to share scholarly research via casual presentations on diverse topics.

The Society is an informal organization at Wartburg that has persisted for more than 20 years, first under the guidance of Ron Alexander, and now organized by a steering committee made up of Wartburg faculty members Greg Scholtz, Fred Strickert and Fred Waldstein.

"It was started for the purpose of exchanging research in an informal setting," Scholtz said. "The exact beginnings are back in the mists of time."

"It started out about two Fridays a term," Strickert said. Since then it has blossomed into a weekly convergence of faculty, students and community members.

The meetings take place at 4 p.m. most Fridays in the back room of Joe's Knight Hawk. Typically, the first half hour is spent listening to the presenter, with the next half hour reserved for discussion and questions.

Faculty members are invited to present on research they have done or on papers they have written. Occasionally, students also present senior papers or other bodies of work.

Topics have ranged from those that address current day issues, like "Urban Green Spaces," to subjects far more singular and eclectic, such as "Jesus as Management Guru," "Go Go Godzilla: Japanese Folklore after Nuclear Apocalypse" and "Warrior Princess from Planet 10, or

What Does the Solar System REALLY Look Like?"

"It is this intellectual exchange, and people are having a good time," Scholtz said. "A lot of humor. A lot of laughing."

Johnathan Melville, assistant professor of biology, spoke on Friday with the topic "The Role of SEX in Science." The presentation covered the physical differences between the male and female brains and attempted to debunk the myth that those differences have an impact on innate intelligence using current research.

"It's really refreshing to be in a relaxed atmosphere where you can present your work," Melville said. It's among the best places to get to know your colleagues, he added.

"It's been a good avenue for younger faculty," Strickert said. "It's an opportunity for us senior faculty to get to know their scholarly interests."

He added that the meetings give students the opportunity to watch faculty participate in the scholarly process and model discussion.

Chip Bouzard, professor of religion and a regular attendee, said the presentations are geared toward a general audience so they are easy for everyone to understand.

"I like that students attend so they can see [the faculty] relate with one another," Bouzard said.

Wartburg students like Audrey Hesse do make up a significant number of those who attend the presentations. "The topics are academic in nature, but they're really interesting and not above my head," Hesse said. "Listening to this makes me want to go to grad school."

Bouzard said, "I think it's one of the best things we do as a faculty."

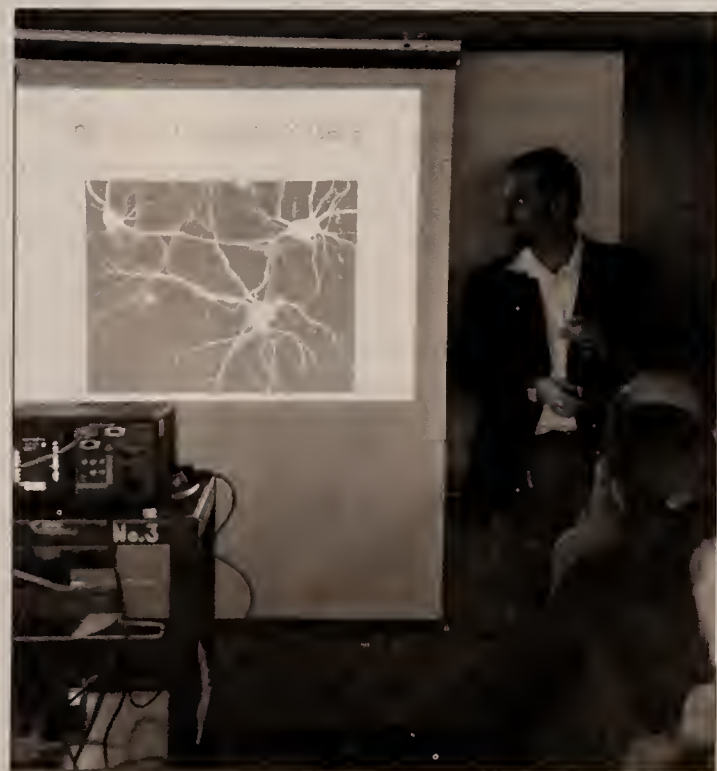
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Above, Greg Scholtz warms up the crowd before Johnathan Melville gives his presentation.

Right, Melville presents a slide depicting glia and neurons in the brain, explaining the functions of each and their impact on intelligence to show how male and female brains differ slightly.



Wartburg Philosophical and Literary Society Schedule

- Jan. 26 - Scott Fullwiler: "Employment Guarantee Policies: Theory and Practice"
- Feb. 2 - Gloria Campbell and Jim Groves: On Dashboards
- Feb. 9 - Thomas Payne: "Steal this Lecture: Copyright and the Consumer"
- Feb. 16 - David Hagan: TBA
- Feb. 23 - Lynn Olson: "A Bit More on Vulgar Fractions"
- Mar. 16 - Richard Schneider: "How the Irish Became White (or Did They?): Thoreau and Irish Immigration"
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Clinton begins campaign

The former First Lady announced the formation of an exploratory committee for the presidency

STEVEN THOMMA MCT NEWS

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York made it official Saturday: She's running and means to use all her political strengths, overcome her equally formidable weaknesses, and become the first woman president in U.S. history.

"I'm in. And I'm in to win," Clinton said in an Internet announcement that she's forming a presidential exploratory committee.

Fresh from re-election to a second term, the 59-year-old Democrat stressed her potentially ground-breaking role as a woman candidate.

"We will make history and remake our future," she said. "We can only break barriers if we dare to confront them."

She also ran directly at her most glaring weakness — the perception that she is too polarizing a figure to win a general election against a Republican.

"I know how Washington Republicans think, how they operate, and how to beat them," she said.

Her announcement Saturday followed those earlier this week by Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois and late last month by former Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, filling out the

top tier of what likely will be a long and bruising campaign for the Democratic nomination.

Clinton enters the campaign in a unique role as a former first lady already known by most of the country.

"People love her or hate her," said Dennis Goldford, a political scientist at Drake University in Iowa. "The question is, are there enough in the middle to make a difference?"

She leads Democrats in one recent series of polls in all four of the states slated to start the nomination voting next January — Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire and South Carolina — but does not enjoy a commanding lead.

Polls last month by the American Research Group found her with the support of about a third of likely caucus and primary voters in those states, followed by Edwards or Obama.

"The feeling is that if she gets the nomination, there goes the South," Goldford said. "She starts about 170 electoral votes in the hole. Then she has to win 75 percent of the remaining electoral votes."

Clinton is not the first woman to seek a major party nomination. But she starts with the best chance of any in history.



Bill Auth/MCT NEWS

Hillary Clinton is sworn in for her second term as a U.S. Senator as her husband, Bill, looks on.

Clinton aides also noted that women will be an "X factor" in the 2008 election, making up as much as 54 percent of general election voters.

"Many, particularly those in the younger generation, believe it is about time this country had its first woman president," Clinton pollster Mark Penn said.

They also insisted that rather than scarring Clinton, scandal and negative campaigns have proven Clinton's mettle.

"Hillary is the one potential nominee who has been fully tested," Penn said, an apparent reference to Obama's recent appearance on the national

stage.

"Senator Clinton is a good friend and a colleague whom I greatly respect," Obama said in a statement Saturday. "I welcome her and all the candidates, not as competitors, but as allies in the work of getting our country back on track."

Clinton planned to follow up with live, web-based video-conferences with voters Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. The timing allows her to compete with the coverage surrounding President Bush's State of the Union address Tuesday night.

National Briefs

China downs satellite

In a move designed to show off the country's increasing technological advancement, China shot down one of their own satellites using a ground-based missile. The demonstration has nations around the world concerned.

Senate OKs ethics bill

The U.S. Senate passed an ethics reform bill that severely limits the influence of lobbyists. They would be mostly banned from purchasing gifts, meals and trips for politicians.

Primary move floated

The California legislature introduced a bill to move the state's primary from June to February to raise the profile of the event. Gov. Schwarzenegger supports the change, as he has vowed to make California more visible in the national and international spotlight.

Fruit crops freeze

Citrus farmers in California are facing an uncertain future after several days of below-freezing temperatures struck the area. The freezing conditions damaged nearly a billion dollars of unharvested fruit, which will likely raise prices in the near future.

Mandatory vaccine considered to cut cancer

KATE FOLMAR MCT NEWS

When authorities approved a vaccine last summer that prevents most cervical cancers, experts cheered it as a breakthrough in fighting a disease that kills 3,700 American women each year.

Now a lawmaker wants to make sure California girls get that vaccine, which guards against certain strains of human papilloma virus, known as HPV, that can cause cervical cancer. Assemblywoman Sally Lieber has introduced legislation that would require girls to be immunized before the sixth grade.

The federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention says the ideal age for the vaccine is 11 or 12. But the proposal to mandate vaccination in California, AB 16, is causing quite a stir because HPV is transmitted only through sexual contact.

At least 10 states from Maine to Texas are considering HPV bills.

Human papilloma virus is the most common sexually-transmitted disease in the United States, affecting about 20 million people at any time. Each year, there are about 6.2 million new infections, according to the Atlanta-based CDC.

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Waverly native returns home

Transfer from Div. II quickly becoming integral part of team

LUKE SHANNO ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

For second-year transfer Grant Franzen, Wartburg feels like home. That's because it is.

Franzen, a business major and a 2005 graduate of Waverly-Shell Rock High School, has found his way back to Waverly and now dons the respected orange and black of the Knights on the hardwood.

After graduation from W-SR, Franzen started his collegiate basketball career east of the Mississippi at Quincy University in Quincy, Ill.

He was drawn to Quincy because he knew the head coach who once was the assistant coach at Drake University. He played alongside the coach's son in Amateur Athletic Union basketball action.

Quincy, an NCAA Div. II member of the Great Lakes Valley Conference, offered Franzen a full-ride scholarship to play for the Hawks.

After an early injury and a medical red-shirt, Franzen found himself with an extra year of eligibility and in the midst of circumstances he didn't agree with in both the athletic and academic programs at Quincy.

"It just wasn't what it was made out to be at first," Franzen said. "I came back home and I decided it was between Upper Iowa and Wartburg."

Franzen chose Wartburg based on many factors, not the least of which were the new facilities being constructed and the reputation of the program and Head Coach Dick Peth, who

Franzen has known since his Waverly-Shell Rock days when he became a good friend of Peth's son, Derek.

"Coach Peth is a real class act," Franzen said. "If there were one coach that I would come back and play for it definitely would've been Coach Peth. I like the way he coaches and the way he handles his players."

Peth's praise for Franzen equals that of the player's admiration for his coach.

"He's an outstanding student and knows how to keep his nose clean off the court," Peth said. "On the court, Grant has done a nice job in the limited time he's been with us."

In the Knights' one-point loss to Iowa Conference leader Loras, Franzen pulled down nine rebounds in 23 minutes of action. Franzen had his breakout game in Saturday's victory over IIAC rival Luther. He went for team-highs with 13 points and 11 rebounds in 28 minutes during his first start in a Knight uniform.

Off the court and away from school, Franzen enjoys outdoor activities.

"Outside of basketball, I like to do a lot of boating in the summer," Franzen said. "We have a cabin in Wisconsin. I like to go four-wheeling too."

"Grant is a tremendous young man and represents Wartburg College in all the ways that we need to have our student-athletes [act]," Peth said.

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Luke Shanno/Trumpet

Grant Franzen, a 6-foot-6-inch 230 pound red-shirt freshman powers over a Norse defender at Luther Saturday night. Franzen recorded his first double-double as a Knight against the Norse.

Knights top Loras, fall to Luther in IIAC action

Hendricks leads team with double-double in loss to the Norse; team at 4-4 in Iowa Conference play

MAC SLAVIN STAFF WRITER

The Wartburg women's basketball team laced up their shoes for another Iowa Conference game against the Loras Duhawks Wednesday, Jan. 17th.

The Knights battled for the lead throughout the first half, but came up short as the half ended. The Duhawks were up 21-18.

The Knights scored first in the second half, but Loras silenced them with a 7-0 run. Wartburg answered later in the half with an 11-0 run to finish the game. The Knights held the Duhawks scoreless in the last four minutes of play as they came out victorious 48-45.

Sharese Van Sloten finished the game with 14 points for

the Knights, while Elizabeth Campbell added nine. Jessica Kugler brought down eleven of the Knights' 52 rebounds.

After the win against Loras, the Knights had little time to rest on their laurels, as they had a meeting with their rival to the north, Luther College.

"It was just another conference game for us. We were focusing on teamwork all week more than the rivalry," said Head Coach Bob Amsberry. "Maybe it's because I'm new and haven't been a part of the history and tradition."

The Knights held close for the first part of the game and stayed within three points, but with 14:30 left in the first half the Norse went on a 7-0 run and never looked back. With a score of 26-19 at the half,

the Knights needed to come out strong. The Norse held the Knights to 16 points in the second half and took advantage, scoring 26 for themselves and winning the contest 50-35.

"The loss was a little hard because we knew from our last game against Luther what we needed to do and we didn't do a good job learning," said Amsberry. "We needed to follow through with our plans, but didn't."

Megan Hendricks posted her second double-double of the season against the Norse. She finished the game with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

"We did a good job as a team controlling the tempo," said Amsberry. "When a team can hold Luther to 50 points on their home court they have a shot to win. The key was tempo. We did a good job controlling the tempo but struggled on offense."

The Norse are still atop the IIAC standings with a 7-1 record while the Knights are fourth with a 4-4 record. The Knights take on Simpson at UNI's West Gym on Jan. 23 and travel to Dubuque the 26 and Buena Vista the 27.



Luke Shanno/Trumpet

Ashton Donahue drives past a Luther defender Saturday in Decorah.



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Head Coach Bob Amsberry talks with his players during a timeout.

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Knights top Norse and Pointers in duals

Team takes down two top-20 teams, remain undefeated in Iowa Conference, 14-1 overall

ANDREW NOSTVICK STAFF WRITER

After a second place finish to No. 1 Augsburg at the National Duals last weekend, the Wartburg wrestling team needed a boost to keep their season going strong.

They accomplished that with a 36-9 defeat over No. 19 Wisconsin-Stevens Point at the Waverly-Shell Rock High School gym and an Iowa Conference dual victory over

No. 4 Luther in Decorah.

The Knights saw victories from Jake Helvey (133 lbs.), Zach McKray (141 lbs.), Adam Weber (149 lbs.), Aaron Wernimont (157 lbs.), Jason Knipp (165 lbs.), Craig Kerman (174 lbs.) and Blake Gillis (Hwt.) Sunday night.

The victory over the Pointers pushed the grapplers' dual record to 14-1 on the season, their only loss suffered at the

National Duals to the Auggies.

Wartburg picked up their second IIAC dual win of the season with its 28-14 showing against rival Luther.

With the win over the Norse, the Knights remain atop the Iowa Conference standings and stay undefeated in conference action with a record of 2-0, 3-0 including their victory over Coe in the National Duals.

The Knights were powered by

victories from Helvey, McKray, Wernimont, Jason Zastrow (174 lbs.), Romeo Djoumessi (184 lbs.) and Gillis.

The win over the blue and white of Luther marked the 19th consecutive victory for Wartburg in the series. The Knights also increased their Iowa Conference dual win-streak to 108 with the Saturday's win.

Wartburg puts their dual win-streak on the line when they take on Central, at Waverly-Shell Rock Wednesday.

Following the showdown with the Dutch, the team will be preparing for the Iowa Conference Duals hosted by Central College this weekend in Pella. The Knights will face Dubuque, Coe and Simpson at the conference tournament.

"We will be studying a lot of tapes of our opponents," Head Coach Jim Miller said.

The team is confident they will come out on top. However, to do so, they cannot overlook their opponents.

"We expect to come out on top by just concentrating on one match at a time and one dual at a time," Miller said.

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Luther run is traditional

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game honk and wave as they go by," Corken said. "One guy even stopped to get a picture taken with the ball."

One runner each year also has the distinction of running 19.75 miles, in honor of legendary track All-American Dan Huston, who was murdered in 1994. Huston's senior year he set the record of 19.75 miles. This year Jordan Wildermuth completed the feat.

"Jordan did well but the real heroes were the guys knocking down the J's like Tim McKenna and Jake Hommer," Corken said, referring to the 3-point contest against the Luther cross country team during halftime of the men's game in which Corken also competed. Wartburg reclaimed the trophy after losing the previous year.

With foul weather a non-factor, Wartburg cross country runners will continue to keep their "Luther Run" tradition alive for years to come, while supporting the men's and women's basketball teams.

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Luke Shanno/Trumpet

Romeo Djoumessi, 184-pounder, gets takedown points while he is in control of his Luther opponent.

Wrestling booster gets assistant-coach-for-a-day honor

Friends purchase prize for wrestling supporter; he received inside look at 'dual-day' for wrestlers

LUKE SHANNO ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg wrestling team found itself with an extra person sitting the bench Saturday night at Luther for its Iowa Conference dual with the Norse.

Long-time Wartburg wrestling booster Larry Bubb of Waverly proudly sat next to Knight wrestlers and coaches sporting his black and orange Wartburg jacket as Head Coach Jim Miller's assistant for the day.

Bubb received the honor of being an assistant coach for the day when a group of his friends purchased the prize for him when it was being auctioned off at the first annual Jim Miller Wartburg Wrestling Golf Outing last summer.

"It's pretty intense," Bubb said of the opportunity to be around the staff and athletes before and during the match. "It is a good opportunity to see the whole preparation process. It gives me a better insight into college wrestling in general."

Besides, watching the match from mat-side, Bubb was also with the team before the bouts started as he was present for the pre-match weigh-ins, referee meeting and team meeting with Miller.

Bubb said that one of the most interesting aspects of the pre-meet time was the intensity from all of the wrestlers in the locker room.

"It's pretty cool for him," Miller said. "He's been one of our best supporters in wrestling. It was just fun to have

him with us."

After the prize was auctioned off, Miller picked the date and it comes as no surprise that it was the night Wartburg squared off against Luther. The long-time rivalry and No. 2 versus No. 4 match-up offered the perfect occasion for an inside scoop into the Wartburg wrestling program.

"This was the best conference dual to go to with the rivalry and rankings," Bubb said.

Bubb said that he would love the opportunity to participate again, and he may get the chance. Miller said he'd be happy to continue the assistant-for-a-day program in years to come.

Bubb witnessed the continuation of a streak when the Knights topped the Norse.

Wartburg's victory was the 19th consecutive in the series and the Knights kept their consecutive Iowa Conference dual win-streak going. The streak now stands at 108.

"I've been going to wrestling for 45 years now," Bubb said. "This is definitely one of the highlights."

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Honorary coach Larry Bubb watches the Luther dual from the bench.

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Men defeat Norse

Knights earn first conference win; four hit double digit mark

AUSTIN DRAUDE STAFF WRITER

The Wartburg Knights men's basketball team finally has a win on its conference resume, and the victory was against conference rival Luther.

The Knights, who fell to the Norse 70-56 Jan. 6, got their revenge Saturday afternoon in Decorah, defeating the Norse 64-55.

"We just didn't come out ready to play when we played them in Cedar Falls," Stark said. "[This] was a great win. It was about time."

Head Coach Dick Peth pointed out several mistakes that doomed Wartburg in the first game that he said needed to be fixed in order to avenge the loss.

"We just did not defend very well," Peth said. "We shot too early and too often, and we did not shoot a very good percentage. [If] you're not making them, you can get down by double-digits in a hurry."

Grant Franzen, a recent transfer student, grabbed a double-double, tacking on 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Sophomore Danny Stark says Franzen's already been a big help to the team.

"He's been a great addition," Stark said. "He did a great job on the boards and giving us an inside presence."

The win came on the heels of a 62-61 heart-stopping loss at Loras Wednesday night, a game in which Wartburg shot 13 3-pointers and only made two.

Peth said playing the inside game was the Knights' plan all along.

"Based on the way Loras was defending us, I think we had many opportunities to go to the basket and take higher-percentage shots," Peth said.

The highlight of the night was a 10-0 Wartburg run that brought the 11-point Loras lead at the 3:43 mark down to one point with just over a minute remaining.

"I think Loras shot the ball a bit quicker than what their coaching staff would have liked to have seen," Peth said. "If you have that kind of lead late in the game, you don't want to go down and fire up the first look. In a sense, they played right into our hands."

Wartburg went into Loras with a major height advantage, sporting seven players standing at least 6-feet-5-inches compared with only two Du-hawk cagers. Peth noted, however, that Wartburg opted for speed over size.

"We went to a smaller lineup and that's where we had our success," Peth said. "We were able to get to the lane an awful lot in the second half. When we made our run, it was with



Roland Ferrie/TRUMPET/FILE PHOTO

Nick Gullickson hits a hook shot. Gullickson had 12 points at Luther. the smaller, quicker lineup.

In the Loras and Luther games, the Knights had an eight rebound advantage, a statistic that Stark says the coaches have been pushing lately.

"The coaches have been putting a lot of emphasis on rebounding," Stark said. "Having

Grant in the middle helps us out a lot too."

The Knights play host to Simpson tonight before hitting the road again. Wartburg will visit Dubuque on Friday and Buena Vista on Saturday.

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FROM THE BULLPEN

Neither rain, sleet, snow

ADAM HARRINGA
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

77.75 miles. That's the distance from the Hebron parking lot to the Regents Center parking lot on the Luther campus. It is also the distance the Wartburg cross country team ran on Saturday for the annual "Luther Run."

In support of the basketball teams, the "Luther Run" traditionally takes place the day of the Wartburg-Luther basketball game in Decorah. And inclement weather won't keep the team from completing their journey. With the high temperature only reaching 19 degrees and snow covering the countryside on Saturday, the runners had to brave the elements on their journey north.

"It wasn't great weather, but we're used to running in these conditions," cross country captain Danny Corken said. "We have track practice outside everyday."

The "Luther Run" has been traced back as far as 1969, and has taken place every year since at least 1978, according to an article written in the Trumpet in 1983. The tradition was originated by members of the Clinton One South dormitory, but soon after was taken over by the cross country team.

With runners covering between one and 14 miles at a time, there is always at least one person running with a basketball in hand, as other runners pile into cars and drive ahead to wait for the exchange at the next stop. Since 1983, the runners have carried the same Voit basketball with the inscription "Beat Luther's Ass," using it as a baton and proudly holding it up for passing traffic.

"A lot of people going to the

Sprinters and jumpers launch indoor season

ADAM HARRINGA ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg track and field team competed in their first official meet of the indoor season at the ISU Open in Ames. Only sprinters, middle distance runners and jumpers competed. No team scores were kept, but Head Coach Marcus Newsom was pleased with the outcome.

"Across the board I'm very happy with the performances that we had, especially in a high caliber meet like Iowa State," Newsom said. "With the challenges we have this year with facilities, I told the athletes the goal was to just go into this meet and see where we were at."

Due to construction, the team switches between practicing at the UNI Dome, outside on the roads and at "Facility East," an old shed east on U.S. Highway 3.

Highlighting performances for Wartburg included Derek Peth who ran 1:14.94 in the 600 yard run and placed ninth for the Knights.

In the women's 600 yard run, Hannah Baker placed fifth in 1:29.13. Wartburg also had two other competitors in the top 10, with Jenny Kordick placing seventh and Rachel Brincks placing eighth.

"It's very exciting to see what the athletes did in the 600, and other events like the 800 and 60 hurdles," Newsom said.

In the 60 meter hurdles, Lucy Joseph qualified for the finals and placed 10th with a time of 9.14. Bridget Burns placed 12th in the 800 meter run in 2:22.99.

The Wartburg women had three 4x400 teams competing and the top team placed seventh in 4:02.48. Scott Tjeerdsma placed 14th in the 800 meter run in 1:57.50 and Kyle Hauser ran 2:38.19 in the 1,000 meter run and placed 17th.

The track and field team's next meet will be the Midwest Invite Saturday at Monmouth College.

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WEEKLY SCORES

Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Wrestling	Indoor Track
def. Luther 64-55 1-7 (IIAC), 7-10 (Overall)	def. by Luther 50-35 4-4 (IIAC), 9-8 (Overall)	def. UW-Steven's Point 36-9 2-0 (IIAC), 14-1 (Overall)	ISU Open no team scores